

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously presented) A cooker apparatus comprising:

a drum;

at least one food receiving pocket associated with the drum, the pocket being configured for cooking food product in a heating liquid, the pocket having at least one open end;

cover means for covering at least one open end of the pocket; and

rotation means for rotatably mounting the drum and the pocket to a housing such that the drum is rotatable with respect to the housing about a horizontal axis; and

at least one lever to partially rotate the drum and the pocket about the axis to displace the pocket between an upwardly directed inclined position and a downwardly directed inclined position;

wherein the pocket includes a tube with a cylindrical body with walls including a plurality of perforations at a lower portion thereof, which lower portion defines an integral food pocket for releasably holding the food.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (New) A cooker apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein dimensions of the open end of the pocket correspond with dimensions of a cooked food container so that when the container is releasably positioned and snugly fitted over the open end of the pocket, any cooked food products contained in the food pocket are discharged from the food pocket into the container for serving purposes.

20. (New) A cooker apparatus as claimed in claim 17, the apparatus including immersing means for immersing and withdrawing at least the pocket into and out from the receptacle containing the heat transfer fluid.

21. (New) A cooker apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the immersing means is incorporated in the rotation means.

22. (New) A cooker apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the immersion means includes a displacement mechanism for displacing the pockets, the displacement mechanism including a pivot arm fixed to the drum.

23. (New) A cooker apparatus as claimed in claim 20, including at least one heating means in the form of a helical coil positioned in the receptacle containing the heat transfer fluid.

24. (New) A cooker apparatus as claimed in claim 17, including a housing in which the heat transfer fluid receptacle is housed wherein the heat transfer fluid receptacle is positioned at such a location in the housing that the perforated portion of the pocket is immersed in the heat transfer fluid when the drum is partially rotationally displaced by a predetermined extent.

25. (New) A cooker apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein the heat transfer receptacle includes a sludge outlet in order to facilitate the removal of food debris thereby prolonging the useful life of the heat transfer fluid.

26. (New) A cooker apparatus as claimed in claim 20, wherein a separation device prevents free movement of the food debris through the heat transfer fluid and guides the food debris away from heating elements towards a drain portion of the apparatus.

27. (New) A cooker apparatus as claimed in claim 26, wherein the separation device is a sheet having a portion located within the heat transfer fluid and at least partially screening the heating elements from the food debris.

28. (New) A cooker apparatus as claimed in claim 17, further comprising a condenser system which includes an air pump which blows air into the housing adjacent where cooking is taking place and forces hot air into outlet pipes and then into a condenser tank where condensed gasses are collected and non-condensibles are directed back to the pump after passing through a filter system thereby reducing the necessity for a canopy extractor system.

29. (New) A vending machine incorporating an apparatus as claimed in claim 17.